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FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

Danny Kaye's plea for the children

Danny Kaye recently made a tour of 40,000 miles on behalf of Unicef—the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund—which exists to help sick and needy children all over the world.

Now comes a short film about this tour; it is called *Assignment Children* and shows Danny with some of the children he met on his travels in the Far East. Here our Film Correspondent tells us about it.

OF course they were all delighted to see him—and plainly he gave them all a wonderful show. Everywhere he went the great comedian made friends with the children, and did something to amuse them. Children, as he says, are the same everywhere. They did not know his language, and he did not know theirs, but in India or Japan, in Burma or Thailand, as the film shows, he

had no trouble in making them laugh.

Even children badly ill in hospital livened up at his appearance, and we are shown some very small ones he was able to cheer up even when they were going through the nasty experience of having an injection.

The film is in colour and it gives some idea of the great work Unicef is doing in what are called the "under-developed areas" of the world. This is one of the United Nations' activities that all countries support without any argument, for as Danny Kaye says: "Nobody tries to make a political football out of sick and hungry kids."

All the proceeds from the showing of the film are being given to the Fund, which should benefit a great deal from Danny's gesture. "I just thought," he says at the end, "that more people ought to know about it."



Danny Kaye and one of his countless friends

SAVING THE LAST OF THE ZEBRAS

Rather belatedly the South African Government is making desperate efforts to save the mountain zebras from extinction. In former years many thousands of these animals roamed the mountains, but now there are fewer than 100.

Recent legislation makes it a criminal offence to injure or even scare a zebra and an area of more than 200 square miles in the Little Karoo of South Africa has been set aside as a Game Reserve especially for zebra.

Leopards are much greater enemies of the zebra than men, however, and incessant war is being waged against them.

Zebras are generally much faster than horses and are ferocious when cornered. This was shown by the experience of a farmer who ventured out into the reserve on horseback. When he approached a full-grown zebra, it turned on him.

He wheeled his horse about and raced off but the zebra overtook them and attacked with its teeth. The farmer managed to get to safety over a fence, but the zebra killed the horse.

In another recent occurrence two farmers watched as a leopard approached some zebras and attacked one. Three other zebras instead of running away, went to its aid, attacked the leopard and drove it off.

Zoologists fear that the efforts to save the zebra may have come too late because the species has been so persecuted by its enemies.

FRESH FISH, NEW HAT

At Lowestoft recently, when the new trawler *Bermuda* landed her first fish, the man who bought it was given a new hat. This was in accordance with an old fishing port custom after a maiden voyage.

Arab Legion piper



At the big Searchlight Tattoo, July 4—9, at London's White City, the band of the Arab Legion will appear for the first time. Here we see a piper tuning up. He has the rank equivalent to Staff Sergeant.

BUS COUNTS ITS PASSENGERS

A "magic eye" which counts the number of passengers entering and leaving the upper deck of a bus is now being tested by the Birmingham transport authorities.

The device works by projecting an invisible beam across the stairway leading to the upper deck. When the beam is broken an indicator shows the exact number of vacant seats. When the seats are all taken an indicator registers "FULL."

The equipment took two years to develop—the most difficult task being to devise a means of making the "eye" subtract the passengers as they went downstairs.

LEVEL CROSSING THAT IS REALLY LEVEL

Everyone knows how bumpy a level crossing usually is for bus, car, or bicycle. Technicians think they have now solved this problem by using a special rubber surface for the crossing. Made from rubber slabs screwed down to a wooden sub-surface, the first is already in service.

Wonderful, say the drivers—a really level crossing at last.

CITY LOST UNDER A LAKE

A Chicago deep-sea diver named William Mardorf claims to have discovered the ruins of a city in Lake Titicaca, Bolivia.

Searching for fabled Inca gold, he found, instead, ruins and stone implements.

Mardorf descended as far as 200 feet in the waters of The Sacred Lake as it was called by the Incas of old. Its waters are frigid since the lake, although only about 15 degrees from the equator, is over 12,000 feet above sea level.

The ruins and stone walls of the submerged city were discovered near the mouth of the Escoma River, and close to what is called the Enchanted Island.

The Island of the Sun, the largest on the lake, is believed to be the cradle of the Inca civilisation. However, the submerged city may have been built by the Aymaras, whose civilisation had disappeared by the time the Incas emerged as a people five centuries or so before the "discovery" of America.

LAUGHING FROGS

Loud laughter echoing over the Romney Marsh at night has been greeted with groans by the local population. It means that the month-long "Spring chorus" of the laughing frogs has begun. Starting from a group of 12 frogs, imported to keep down mosquitoes on a garden pond, the colony has now spread over 30 square miles of this Kent marsh.

It is believed that the laughter, indulged in only by the male frogs, is part of their courtship, designed to attract the females and also to warn off rivals.

These laughing frogs, common in Hungary, are quite big—nearly a foot long when fully stretched out.

MOUNTAINEERING BY HELICOPTER

Flying an American helicopter and accompanied by a guide, the French pilot, Jean Moine, has made two landings on Alpine peaks. The first was on the Dôme du Gouter, 14,116 feet high, and the second on Mont Blanc, 15,782 feet.

2 Old London for their school



These ten-year-old boys of Welling in Kent are busy reconstructing old St. Paul's Cathedral for their school's model of Tudor London.

PROBLEMS OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT

By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

THE new Parliament has set to work on a programme of legislation which will keep it busy for an unexpectedly long first session, up to the autumn of next year.

Of course, there is no hard and fast rule about the length of a session, but the present one will probably last up to 16 months. So it looks as though the life of this Parliament will consist of only four sessions instead of the usual five.

In the Queen's Speech, outlining the Government programme, about 15 Bills are listed. An interesting one proposes to "extend the period" during which family allowances are paid for schoolchildren.

Nine years ago a family allowance of 5s. a week for every child in the family, except the elder or eldest, was introduced. This became 8s. in September 1952.

This is paid for children up to 15, and in some cases up to a slightly higher age. Now the intention is to raise the age limit for this purpose, as many children stay at school until they are 17 or 18.

AVOIDING STRIKES

An important duty of the Government will be to try to find a way of avoiding strikes in industry. The Queen's Speech makes it clear that this cannot be done by a Bill, but may be done by calm talks between employers, the employees' representatives, and the Government.

The rail strike, which has done much damage to the nation, brought this subject to the forefront.

This was caused by what are known as "differentials" in payment.

If a man is paid £10 a week for doing skilled work, and another is paid £5 a week for doing less skilled work, the wage-rate difference between the two is £5. That is the differential.

It is when the less skilled man is given a rise to £6 that the skilled man sometimes seeks a rise in proportion. A similar rise of £1 would bring his wage to £11 and thus approximately preserve the differential.

We shall hear much of this and related problems during the next few months—but there will be plenty of other subjects, too, in the first session.

The Government are to go ahead with the building and extension of schools. Slum houses are to be cleared at an increasing rate. The drive for better roads and improved railway services will also continue.

Once again the Queen's Speech refers to the reform of the House of Lords. "Further consideration" of this problem is promised. A scheme has been drawn up laying down rules for membership of the Lords.

Under their re-elected Speaker, Mr. W. S. Morrison, the Commons can look forward to a period of steady, if unexciting, progress as a new phase opens under Sir Anthony Eden's Government.

Willing worker



Eleven-year-old Stanley Reidhay, of White Waltham, Berkshire, is a well-known figure at the airfield there. He is always ready to lend a hand with repairs.

Spreading tide of TV

Austria's first TV transmitter has just been completed—at Vienna, and will continue to operate on a test basis until the main station at Kahlenberg is ready. In the meantime programmes will consist mainly of films.

In Poland the TV position is much the same. Only test pictures are being transmitted and the only available receivers are imported. Polish-made sets will be available later in the year and a proper programme will be started early in 1956. An outside broadcast unit is being bought from Russia.

Turkey has no TV stations as yet, partly because the population is very widespread and a television service needs big concentrations of people, as in our own industrial areas in this country, to make it pay. In the meantime three new radio transmitting stations are being built—at Izmir, Erzurum, and Adana.

NEW NATIONAL ANTHEM FOR AUSTRALIA

Australia wants a new National Anthem, and at a meeting of Australian musicians and Government officials it has been decided to offer a prize for the best one.

For the past 50 years New South Wales has sung Advance Australia Fair; Victoria sings God Bless Australia; and South Australians regard the Song of Australia as their Anthem. Many Australians also think of the world-famous Waltzing Matilda as another National Anthem.

The new Anthem will not replace God Save the Queen; it will be played on purely national occasions, such as Australia Day, and its first performance is likely to be at the Olympic Games at Melbourne next year.

BRAVE BROWNIE

Jean Dawson is only a ten-year-old but yet a heroine of whom all Kenya is proud.

When Mau Mau terrorists raided her parents' farm some months ago it was Jean who calmly phoned the police to report what had happened. Her mother was in hospital and her father had gone outside to try to defend the farm. Yet when an African was wounded it was Jean who bandaged him and then tried to calm a frightened crowd of African farm workers.

Jean is a Brownie and she has been awarded the Gilt Cross of the Girl Guides Association and a Certificate of Merit of the Young Elizabethan Club. The certificate is signed by Sir John Hunt, leader of the Mount Everest Expedition.

ZOO TRAIN

A special train now runs from Springfield, Massachusetts, to the Bronx Zoo, New York, with a number of animals on board. The object is to encourage New Englanders to visit the Bronx Zoo and also to show them how easy it is to get there by rail.

News from Everywhere

EIGHT-MILE ROPES

Two steel ropes each eight miles long have been made by a Doncaster firm for a Peruvian mining company. They are for an aerial ropeway over a 16,000-foot peak of the Andes.

A cheque for £122,000 collected for Unicef by the United Nations Association in Britain was handed over at a lunch in London organised by the Variety Club of Britain. Danny Kaye made the presentation.

Men at work on a new housing estate at Greenock dug up a sheep's horn containing about 70 coins dated 1555 to 1559.

Home decorations



The Indian Government is encouraging a revival of rural folk art. These boys are decorating their homes in the village of Jharsa, near Delhi.

A new Y.W.C.A. hostel is to be opened by Princess Margaret at Southampton on July 20. It will be named the Princess Margaret Hostel.

FREE LIFTS AT THEIR OWN RISK

A cat is raising a family of kittens in a wooden container fixed to the rear of a farmer's car at Brighstone, Isle of Wight. Everywhere the car goes they go, too.

Britain has trebled her exports of electrical equipment since the war. Last year they were worth £218,000,000.

POLICE IN JEEPS

Western Australia's police horses have been replaced by jeeps, which are faster and cheaper to maintain.

Prince Charles and Princess Anne have had their first aeroplane flight. They flew from Aberdeen to London.

A British travel agency is offering holiday trips to Russia this summer.

FALKLANDS SURVEY

Britain is to make an aerial photographic survey of 1000 square miles of the Falkland Islands Dependencies. It is hoped to gain much information about the minerals of the area.

Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of the anti-polio vaccine, has been given a gold medal and over £3000 as the individual who "has made the greatest contribution to public health during the year."

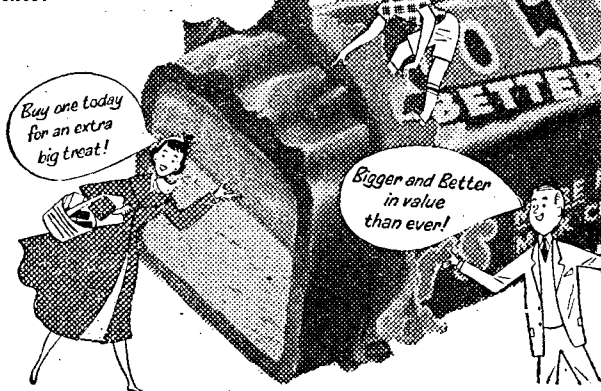
All the taxis in Brussels are to be fitted with diesel engines to cut down running costs.

Four Cambridge students have gone to Afghanistan to explore an uncharted region; and two young London women have set off on a motor-cycle tour of America.

MUCH MORE MILK CHOCOLATE!

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WHEELS TURNING FOR THE GUIDES

For many years the Girl Guides Association has wanted a mobile training centre for reaching remoter parts of the country. Now, with the aid of a grant from the King George VI Foundation, their wish has come true.

A Morris van has been fitted out as a self-contained unit for two trainers, with bunks, kitchen, and space for books and materials.

The first tour started at Llangollen, and there the two trainers—Miss Allen-Williams from Sussex, and Miss Pilditch who has trained Guiders in Kenya—ran a meeting, first for the local Brownies and then for the Guides.

Afterwards, when the Brownies and Guides had gone home, they invited questions and suggested new ideas for the Guiders to develop and adapt when the van had gone on its way through nearly all the Welsh counties.

PHILADELPHIA TO JERUSALEM

A reproduction of America's famous Liberty Bell has been presented to Israel as a gift "uniting the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, to the City of Peace, Jerusalem." The original Liberty Bell is housed in Philadelphia.

The new bell will hang in Jerusalem's Kiryah (government) garden, until it is transferred to the Knesset (Parliament) building.

RAILWAY ACROSS IRISH BOG

To exploit the large peat bogs at Boora, Ireland, 35 miles of narrow gauge railway track have been laid over the peat-bearing area.

Laying the railway on the treacherous surface has been a major engineering feat, while tractors and other heavy vehicles employed on construction have had to be fitted with broad wooden slats. Thus they can travel over ground too soft for a man to walk over.

It is hoped, eventually, to work up the output of milled peat to one million tons annually. Much of this will be absorbed by a nearby electricity station.

COUNTING THE BIRDS

The South African Government is to make a census of the birds on the guano islands off the west coast of the Union. This will be done by photographing them from the air.

The object of the census is to determine the effect of the birds on the fishing industry. One scientist, Mr. D. M. Davies, estimates that every year gannets and cormorants in St. Helena Bay consume at least 51,350 tons of fish, worth £1,000,000.

The numerous penguins on the islands consume fish worth another £250,000 according to the scientist. South Africa's total fish catch annually amounts to £4,500,000.



Honey, Bambi, and Ba-Ba

Honey the terrier does not seem to like going out with the pet lambs, Bambi and Ba-Ba. Eleven-year-old Sally Cripps of Billingshurst in Sussex brought the lambs up on the bottle after their mother died.

Young Turkey remembers its founder

The Turkish people have been celebrating the 36th anniversary of Kemal Ataturk's arrival. This founder of the modern Turkish State landed at the Black Sea port of Samsun in 1919 and from there began to organise a revolt which was to overthrow the Sultan's regime. Each year the event is commemorated by a display of athletics all over Turkey.

This year soil was carried by relays of young runners from Samsun to the great sports stadium in the new capital, Ankara. Here the soil was pre-

sented to the President of the Republic, who, with the Prime Minister, and other important officials, was attending the gymnastic exhibition.

Children from all the schools in Ankara took part in the display, with Scouts, Guides, and young men and women from the various colleges and academies.

Particularly smart were the girls dressed in white shorts and blouses, a great contrast to the black, nunlike clothes and veils worn by all Turkish women before Ataturk assumed power.

UNUSUAL HOLD-UPS

In Britain it is usually extra traffic that causes hold-ups. But elsewhere in the world there are other causes.

For instance, the streets of Anchorage, Alaska, were invaded recently by hundreds of hungry moose. Driven down from the mountains by record snows, they swept into town in search of food, attacking anything that moved, even cars and buses.

Many of the animals were injured, and eventually all traffic was ordered to a standstill until bales of hay had been thrown out on the streets.

Again, on Bruny Island, Tasmania, traffic was almost brought to a standstill when thousands of penguins invaded the roads. No one was allowed to frighten or injure the birds and while traffic officials tried to move them on, cars either stopped altogether or had to move at a crawl.

CANTERBURY TALE

One day in August 1910 a small boy cycled from South London to Canterbury, and after some hours of sight-seeing in the city, cycled back home.

Eighteen years afterwards that cyclist moved to Canterbury and settled down there in business. Later he became a councillor—Councillor T. E. Carling; and the other day he became Mayor, the 507th of this ancient city.

80,000 SMITHS IN SCOTLAND

The mighty family of Smith predominates in Scotland as well as in England. It heads a list of the 50 commonest names in Scotland compiled by Mr. J. G. Kyd, a former Registrar-General.

He tells us that there are some 80,000 Smiths in Scotland—about 15 in every thousand of the population. Next come the Macdonalds—about 60,000 of them, and then Brown, Wilson, Thomson, Robertson, Campbell, Stewart, Anderson, and Johnson.

Altogether there are 14,666 different surnames in the northern kingdom, and 2690 of these are alternative spellings of the same names.

Southerners will be surprised to learn that among the 50 leading surnames there are only seven beginning Mac—Macdonald, Mackenzie, Mackay, Maclean, MacLeod, MacIntosh, and Macmillan.

86 YEARS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. Richard Roland Roberts, a retired gardener of Rhyl, was recently presented with a medal by the Welsh Free Church Council in recognition of 86 years as a member of a Sunday School. He has been attending ever since he was four.

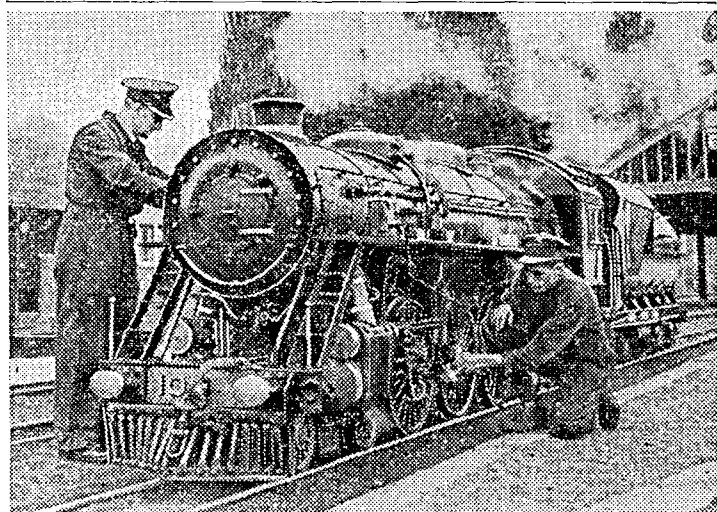
At 13 he became a pupil teacher, and though his work as a gardener took him to all parts of the country, he always kept Sunday afternoon free to attend Sunday School.

SAILOR ARTIST

Commodore Sir Charles Madden, Chief of the Naval Staff in New Zealand for the past two years, has completed over 50 water-colour landscapes during his stay in the Dominion.

Both he and Lady Madden have had their pictures hung in art exhibitions in New Zealand. Now they are returning to London with a fine group of paintings to show for their stay in the Antipodes.

Sir Charles is to be naval aide-de-camp to the Queen.



Cleaning up for the holiday

The Hythe station-master and his son cleaning one of the powerful little locomotives of the Romney, Hythe, and Dymchurch line in Kent, which is claimed to be the smallest public railway in the world. It is very popular with holiday-makers.

CHILDREN'S OWN WORKSHOP

When children living in the little New England town of Acton, Massachusetts, grow tired of play they can go to a large workshop built specially for them.

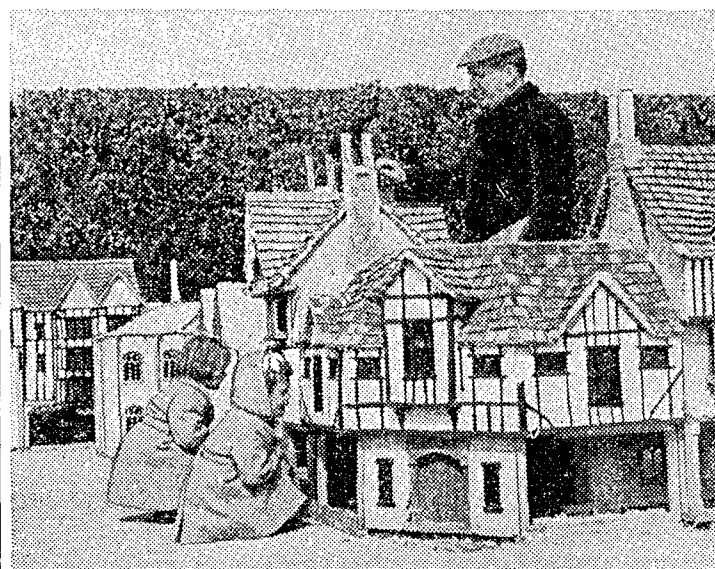
There they find woodworking tools and benches, and under the guidance of two kindly women ex-teachers they can make cutout animals, puzzles, hobby-horses, model villages, ships, puppets, and other articles. They can also paint, model with clay, or write at special desks.

Parents sometimes go along to help their children, showing them how to handle tools.

SEARCHING FOR LOST VILLAGES

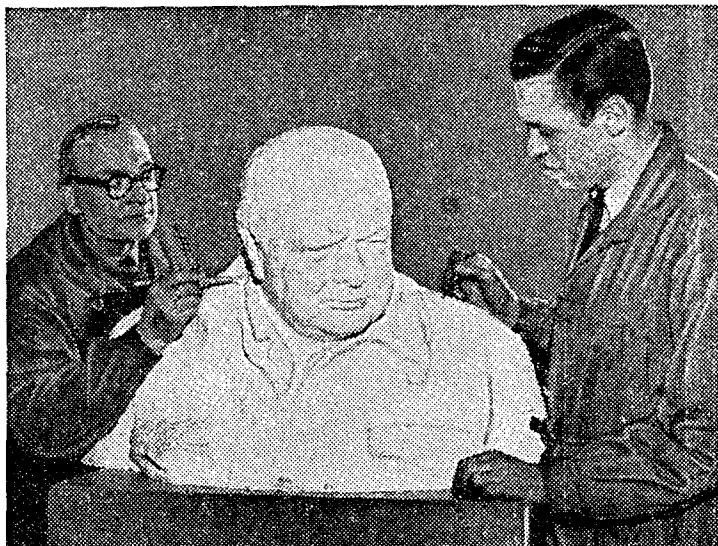
Over 1200 known villages have vanished from our countryside since the Middle Ages, and a group of students, historians, and architects from the Midlands have been spending their spare time searching for traces of them.

Most of this historical work is based on aerial photographs which show up lost foundations and streets. Old maps and parish records help to establish names and probable populations. The group has already been at work at Wharfedale, in Yorkshire, and a Warwickshire site, at Wolfhampcote, is being explored.



Giants in tinytown

These two visitors are enthralled by the new model Tudor village at Hastings, which is fascinating many youngsters this summer. It has a castle, and a Lilliputian wedding group at the miniature church.



Sir Winston for the Danes

A plaster cast of Sir Winston Churchill being prepared for a bronze bust for the Denmark Freedom College in Copenhagen.

ZOO NEWS

CAPETOWN CLARENCE COMES TO LONDON

By the CN Correspondent at Regent's Park

AN unexpected recruit for the Zoo's penguin colony is Capetown Clarence, a black-footed penguin.

Clarence is a gift from three members of the crew of the S.S. City of Hull, who lassooed him in the water while the vessel was in Capetown harbour. On getting the penguin on board, his captors found that his plumage was badly oiled, so they set about cleaning him—most effectively—with a shampoo powder!

A young bird with an attractive "personality," Capetown Clarence was first kept in a cage on deck, from which he was occasionally taken out to be hand-fed by passengers. These outings came to a sudden halt, however, when one day Clarence caught sight of the sea and tried to jump in. He was caught just in time, and thereafter was kept in the safety of a cabin.

From another part of Africa the menagerie has received some interesting reptiles. They were sent by Mrs. Reginald Bloom, who is now on safari in Uganda with her animal-collector husband. The reptiles came by air and included a dozen Agama lizards, a chameleon, and two skinks.

A TIN OF MANTIDS

There was a big surprise for the keepers unpacking the consignment, for among the reptiles they also found a tin labelled "Praying mantis egg-mass." On opening it, Mr. Lanworn, the head keeper, found that the egg-mass had hatched during the trip, and the tin was literally swarming with baby mantids, each about the size of a wood ant.

"There were quite 100 of them," Mr. Lanworn told me. "We sent them post-haste across to their proper home, the insect house."

The Zoo's homing budgerigars are fast becoming one of the big attractions of the Gardens. Each morning now a door in the aviary

roof is opened, and although at first only a few birds ventured out, many now do so. They keep together and often attend visitors' picnic parties on the lawns, vying with the sparrows and starlings for titbits.

"The budgerigars visit most parts of the grounds," an official told me. "Their favourite haunt is the parrot house; their most detested spot is the birds-of-prey aviaries—they always give the hawks and eagles a wide berth. So far, we have had no reports of any casualties or losses. All the birds go back to their aviary at an early hour—possibly because of a fear of being caught out late by an owl."

BIG JACK FROM AUSTRALIA

Just back in his compound on the bank of the Regent's Canal is 5½-foot-tall Big Jack, the largest kangaroo in the Queen's Collection that came from Australia last year.

One evening not long ago, after visitors had left the Gardens, Big Jack jumped the fence surrounding his paddock and made off. Luckily two of the staff—Keepers Hughes and Green—on late patrol, spotted him and gave chase. The pursuit lasted some time, since Big Jack kept well ahead of his pursuers, often taking ten-foot jumps.

Eventually, however, the men cornered the kangaroo near the lion house. But Big Jack was in no mood to give himself up without a fight. He kicked Keeper Green in the forehead, giving him a cut which temporarily put him out of action.

Attracted to the spot by shouts, a third keeper ran to the rescue, and between them the two men managed to tie the kangaroo's feet together. They then carried Big Jack off to the sanatorium. Now, with his paddock fence made a couple of feet higher, Big Jack, himself uninjured, has been put on exhibition again.

CRAVEN HILL

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Victoria is now Queen

JUNE 20, 1837. LONDON—In the early hours of this morning the 18-year-old Princess Victoria was roused from her sleep and told she was Queen.

At 12 minutes past two this morning King William IV died at Windsor, and immediately the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Conyngham, the Lord Chamberlain, left the Castle to drive to Kensington Palace where the new Queen lives with her mother, the Duchess of Kent.

They reached the Palace at about 5 o'clock and after much delay before entering demanded that the Princess be informed that they requested an audience on "business of importance." They were told that the Princess was in such a sweet sleep that she could not be disturbed.

To this they replied: "We are come to the Queen on business of state, and even her sleep must give way to that!"

In a few minutes the young Queen came into the room. She was wearing a loose white nightgown and shawl, her nightcap thrown off, and her hair falling about her shoulders, her feet in slippers, tears in her eyes, but perfectly collected and dignified.

The Privy Council was summoned to assemble at Kensington at 11 o'clock this morning. At this ceremony the Queen received the homage of her uncles, the Dukes of Cumberland and Sussex.

In her first speech from the Throne she declared herself conscious of the awful responsibility imposed on her so early in life.

Abdication of Napoleon

JUNE 22, 1815. PARIS—Napoleon Bonaparte today signed a declaration by which he abdicates in favour of his son.

The twice-defeated Emperor arrived here yesterday in a state of great mental and bodily prostration.

The news of his defeat by the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo four days ago reached the capital only the night before Napoleon himself arrived.

At first he would not admit how complete was his ruin and spoke of his intention to continue the war, raise more troops, and defend Paris.

But his Ministers made it clear to him that he was no longer a powerful autocrat, and that he would now have to contend not only with his foreign enemies but also with his own people.

Napoleon's brother, Lucien, yesterday urged him to collect a few regular troops then in Paris and disperse the Chambers, but eventually last night the defeated Napoleon made up his mind to abdicate.

(Napoleon later surrendered to the British and was sent to the island of St. Helena, where he died on May 5, 1821.)

RADIO AND TV

AERIAL ESCAPE

Ejected from a jet plane

WHAT does it feel like to be shot out of the ejector seat of a jet plane at speed? We hear all about it from the lips of a man who experiences it in the fourth and last of Douglas Fleming's Escape series on Wednesday (June 22) in the Home Service.

This will be a live broadcast by Squadron-Leader Fifield as he is ejected from a Meteor 7 aircraft piloted over an Oxfordshire airfield. He will have a portable radio transmitter strapped to his body.

If, as BBC engineers are hoping, it is not crushed by the shock of ejection, he will give a continuous commentary during the parachute descent.

Raymond Baxter will give his own eye-witness account from a plane following in the wake of the Meteor.

Thrills and spills on the Lido

IT is exciting enough watching practice in water ski-ing at Ruislip Lido, Middlesex, as I know from personal experience. You never know when the skiers

Visit to Dartmouth

VIEWERS will catch a whiff of the sea in two coming TV programmes dealing with the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, now celebrating the 50th anniversary of its building. On Thursday the TV cameras will be at the college itself, on the hill overlooking the River Dart, to see some important changes that are taking place. The buildings are being re-rigged, so to speak, because from this term onwards, cadets entering must be 18 years of age. Previously the age was 16, and before that 13. Now, as befits the dignity of age, the cadets are to be treated like university undergraduates.

Next Monday (June 27) the cameras will be taken down to the River Dart to see the cadets manoeuvring the many different craft they use in training.

will overbalance and topple into the water.

Next Friday's contest between Ruislip water skiers and a Danish team from Copenhagen should be

even more thrilling, and well worth watching on TV. The skiers are towed by fast motor-boats, and in the sialom competition will have to weave in and out of a line of buoys, something which demands great skill.

The jumping contest, almost certain to cause spills, involves being towed up a floating wooden ramp and trying to land with as long a jump as possible on the other side.



Grace O'Connor from Ireland water ski-ing at the Ruislip Lido

Protecting our shipping

ON Saturday TV is having to miss In Town Tonight, which is coming in sound only from Oslo during the State Visit there of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Oslo is beyond the present scope of outside TV broadcasts.

As if their thoughts were Europe-wards just the same, the BBC will fill the gap by taking the cameras to Great Yarmouth for an outside broadcast.

The Midland TV unit will be setting up at the Trinity House depot to show how shipping is protected off this dangerous coast. Lightships, lighthouses, and marking buoys abound in this area, and all have special devices which will be shown and explained by Barrie Edgar.

Archie on record

ARCHIE ANDREWS is to become a disc jockey. On July 7, I hear, Peter Brough will lead him to the gramophone turntables to start a weekly series in the Light Programme called Children's Favourites.

Harmonica Day

MOST of us at some time or other have had a mouth organ. And anyone who has tried to master the instrument should not miss the Harmonica Day broadcast in the Light Programme on Saturday from Caxton Hall, Westminster.

The National Harmonica League, which will be holding its annual festival, has arranged a concert by championship winners specially for the BBC's programme Out and About.

Meet the Brain of Britain

LOTS of children tune in to What Do You Know? the general knowledge quiz in the Light Programme on Saturday nights. This week it is to round off a continuous 40-week run by being televised as well as broadcast in sound.

Joan Clark, who produces it, tells me she herself will come into the picture to present the diploma to the Ask Me Another winner, who will be given the title of The Brain of Britain.

ERNEST THOMSON

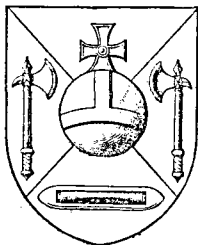
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ROUND THE TOWNS

by Alan Ivimey

HERE is a little Devon town with a big reputation, for everyone has heard of Axminster carpets. And this week—on June 24—that very flourishing local industry celebrates its 200th birthday.

The town, a market to which people come from miles around, lies in hilly country just inside the extreme eastern boundary of Devon. In an afternoon it is easy to walk either into Somerset or Dorset and back, or else over the gorsy hills southward to the Channel and glorious views of Lyme Bay.



Arms of Axminster

This, then, is the minster, or monastery church on the River Axe, a few miles from where that swift and swirling stream winds and wriggles, like a snake, its last few miles to the sea.

Axminster's importance must have begun with the building of the Fosse Way, the great Roman Road running 180 miles to Lincoln from a port at the mouth of the Axe. The legions made this road in the first century A.D. and they built a fort about a mile north, at Weycroft, where it crosses the Axe.

The Saxon kings of Wessex held the place as a royal manor, and in 916 the castle, of which only the foundations now remain, was built on the site of Market Square while, 21 years later, Athelstan, first king of all England, is said to have founded the monastery which gave the town its name.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Axminster is still the very picture of the little, huddling, local life which every townsman lived in the past. The houses, as close to each other as neighbours can be, make the sides of its three main streets bend back and forward again like crowds lined up to see a procession. Where the roads from Chard and Lyme meet, at a coaching inn called The George, they form one thoroughfare leading to the church and the space in front of it which was, till a few years ago, the cattle market.

In 50 yards or so there are three curves. The very shape of the road here makes you think of

trudging droves of cattle straying now left, now right; or of jolly waggoners shouting to each other as they pulled their plodding teams and great broad-wheeled vehicles over to pass each other in the narrow way, nearly scraping the windows of the houses in doing it.

Axminster's cattle market has shifted three times; first from the site of the castle to Trinity Square by the church, and finally to a specially built site on the outskirts. The houses are mostly of local grey stone, and not earlier than the end of the 17th century, when the Parliamentary soldiers burned the whole place down after a terrific battle with the Royalists during the Civil War.

I had a long talk with Mr. T. Mayo, a good Axminster man who is proud of his town and knows as much of its history as is possible to discover. He told me how, before the place had had time to recover from its battle (when large pieces of the lead roofing of the church were cut up to make bullets), the Duke of Monmouth landed at Lyme on his ill-starred attempt against James II. He marched to Axminster and recruited many of the townsmen.

NAMES THAT MADE HISTORY

No fewer than 78 of them were tried by Judge Jeffreys and either sentenced to death or, what was worse, transported as slaves to the West Indies. Among the 78 occur some names you still find in the town—Bull, for instance, and Rowe.

During the Napoleonic scare, plans were made to fortify various localities in the neighbourhood and to evacuate women and children to a nearby wood.

But it was half a century before these alarms about Napoleon that Axminster's greatest event of all happened—the founding of the carpet manufacture here. In 1755 a certain devout clothier named Thomas Whitty was on a visit to London (then something of an adventure) when he made a call on an ironmonger. Here he was shown some Turkey carpets imported by the tradesman as a



Looking towards Trinity Square at Axminster, Devon

speculation. Whitty was astonished by the size of one of the carpets, for he knew something of weaving and could not imagine how a pattern of so great a breadth could be woven all in one piece without a seam.

Back in Axminster, he pondered for months over the problem while he worked at his cloth looms. Finally he made a special loom and on Midsummer Day, 1755, started on his first carpet, "Taking," as his own account of it says, "my children, with their Aunt Betty, to overlook and assist them, for my first workers."

We can easily imagine all the little Whittys hard at work.

Within four years Thomas Whitty had gained a substantial prize for the finest carpet yet made in this country. The Sultan of Turkey himself paid the then enormous sum of over £1000 for one of these first Axminster carpets.

A SECRET STILL

George III, on holiday at Weymouth with his Queen and three daughters, paid Whitty's factory a visit, a party of local gentlemen, dressed in their best, going out with a band to meet the royal party and escort their carriage as far as The George.

The original factory was burned down in 1828 but re-erected in stone, and it stands to this day beside the church. In recent years some workmen, excavating behind the premises, came across some of the pits in which Whitty made his carpet dyes. The soil was still stained brightly with the colours but the secret of their making had died with the inventor.

In 1835 his descendants moved the business to Wilton. But in 1937 another firm brought the factory back again, building new premises down by the station. It now employs 300 people.

The feature of the Axminster method of weaving is that both the back and the pile (the part



Designing a pattern for a carpet

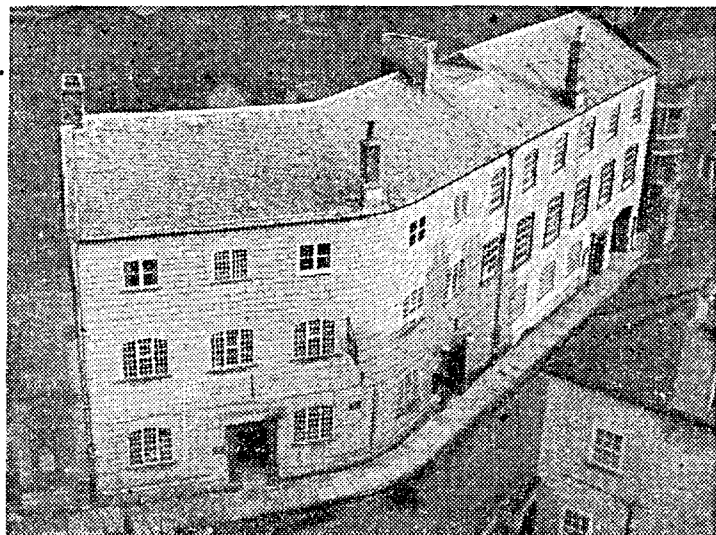
you walk on) of the carpet are made simultaneously. By the kindness of Mr. C. T. Hitchcock, one of the directors, I was taken over the factory and saw the whole process. One of the most astonishing things was that, in finishing, each carpet is mown, just as a lawn is, and with a similar type of cutter, though this carpet shearer removes the smallest possible amount of wool

to give a perfect finish.

I was also lent a 100-year-old copy of Thomas Whitty's own account of his invention and its astonishing success. He dated his original document and its very human and moving story, April 16, 1790, and at the end he wrote: "Thus I have endeavoured to recollect the ways of Providence, by which I have been led in unknown paths through the wilderness."

To this good old man, who was also a

good West Countryman, does Axminster owe its worldwide fame. And they say that his secret dyes were made from plants and wild flowers from the hedgerows of this green and upland country of which you get glimpses through doorways and passages in Axminster. For the sloping, patterned landscape of fields and woods surrounds the place like a lovely living carpet.



Where the first Axminster carpet was made



Carpet weavers setting up a loom in the modern Axminster factory

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U.N. IS TEN

NEXT Sunday, June 26, will be the tenth anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter.

All round the world on this great day people will be reminding themselves of what the United Nations stands for. President Eisenhower set an example in announcing that he would go to San Francisco to welcome delegates attending the anniversary celebrations there. The President also said that this was an occasion when everybody could be brought to think more seriously about the purpose of U.N.

Let us remember those clarion words in the preamble to the Charter, calling upon the nations "to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours."

These are easy words to read, and to say, as the greatest words so often are. But we cannot remind ourselves too often that they apply not only to nations, but to each one of us personally. The more we remember them in our daily lives the more we shall also act upon them, as a nation, in our dealings with other nations.

Man has mastered his surroundings in many ways. One thing remains above all else—mastery of himself.

When we have all learned to practise tolerance among ourselves then, and only then, shall we be good neighbours, able to live together in peace.

There must be united families and united communities before there can really be United Nations.



OUR HOMELAND

The quiet beauty of
Stoke Gabriel, Devon

The Editor's Table

£3000 a year from five shillings

FIFTY years ago Mary Jane Hutchins was a patient in a Devon home for the poor. She was not only poor, she was blind; but she started a fund which now brings in quite a substantial sum for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

It all began when Mary Jane was given a copy of the Braille Intercession Paper. From this she learned about the problem of finding money to send missionaries overseas. And she decided to help.

Out of her meagre pocket money she eventually saved five shillings, which she asked the chaplain of her home to send to the Society.

Impressed by Mary Jane's effort, they launched a Five Shilling Fund, and the big response was largely a tribute to her wonderful self-denial.

The fund has gone from strength to strength, and this year the total has reached £3000. Such is the wonderful result of Mary Jane's initial thought for others.

Think on These Things

WE are told in the Bible that King David made great preparations for the Temple that his son Solomon was to build. The materials used were the most exquisite and the craftsmanship superb.

Many of the cathedrals and parish churches throughout our land show how the men of the Middle Ages realised this truth—the best for God. They raised these glorious buildings, which remain our pride, for God and for His greater glory.

We are sometimes tempted to want to give to God only what is left over of our time and talents and energies. But this will not do.

We must offer to Him our best.
O. R. C.

JUST AN IDEA

As Shakespeare wrote:
Let never day nor night
unhallowed pass,
But still remember what the
Lord hath done.

Cause and effect

THE Bishop of Liverpool told this story at a recent Nurses' Presentation:

In the waiting-room of a hospital one child asked another, "Are you medical or surgical?"

No answer was forthcoming, so the question was then rephrased, "Were you ill when they brought you in here, or did they make you ill after you came in?"

King of the English



This is the beautiful and unusual sign at Corfe Castle. It shows King Edward the Martyr, who was murdered in this Dorset town in A.D. 978.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,
June 27, 1925

I AM convinced that the day is fast approaching when beam stations, using short waves and employing a fraction of the power utilised in the present high-power stations, and with much lower and fewer masts, will be able to carry on communication at practically any time between any two points of the Earth's surface and at much higher speeds than is now possible.

We may be on the threshold of a day when broadcasting, that application of radio which interests the whole of the civilised world, will have its range enormously increased.

Within a year or two the voice of the King of England, for example, may be easily and clearly heard by millions of his subjects in places as far apart as India, Australia, Canada, and South Africa. *Marconi in the Wireless World.*

THE BEST OF BOOKS

To me the world's an open book

Of sweet and pleasant poetry;
I read it in the running brook
That sings its way towards the sea;

It whispers in the leaves of trees,
The swelling grain, the waving grass,
And in the cool, fresh evening breeze
That crisps the wavelets as they pass.

George P. Morris

THEY SAY...

WE have a few really nasty houses going very cheap.
Estate agent's advertisement in The Observer

METEOROLOGISTS are the most modest and patient of men.
Vice-Admiral W. G. A. Robson

DON'T let us be afraid of bringing the joy of colour into our church buildings.

Rev. Dr. J. Arnott Hamilton

YOUTH and happiness are regarded as the two most important aspects of American civilisation.

Director of the University of Leeds Institute of Education

TALENTED top-of-the-form pupils should not leave school prematurely for jobs unworthy of their ability, even though there is the immediate prospect of good pay.

Mr. C. C. Robertson, president, Educational Institute of Scotland

WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 FARRAGO
a Medley or hotch-potch
b Turbulent woman
c A show of courage
- 2 SHALLOP
a Onion-like plant
b Light open boat
c Light cloth
- 3 HYSTERIA
a Nervous disturbance
b Purple-flowered ornamental tree
c Stage player
- 4 PLECTRUM
a Instrument for plucking zither strings
b Church reading desk
c Image formed by rays of light
- 5 SCREE
a Long tiresome letter
b Scream in harsh tones
c Stony mountain slope

Answer on page 12

Out and About

ON a fine June morning in the country to be awakened early by the birds is a lovely experience. This time it was a loud laughing kind of song that roused the sleeper to look out of the cottage window.

The song had ceased. The morning sun, already warm, lit up a patch of mown grass. Suddenly a bright bird, red over the head and cheeks, with green-feathered body, began stabbing down in the grass, where there are ants.

But even without seeing his gay colours one had known him for the Green Woodpecker by his ringing song. The other two kinds in this country, the Great and the Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers do not sing, though they can make a surprising rattle with their drumming beak on a tree.

C. D. D.

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Next Week's Birthdays

June 26

William Thomson, first Baron Kelvin (1824-1907). Scientist



Received his title for his work on transatlantic submarine telegraphy. He was also noted for his modesty and for his generous encouragement of students.

June 27

Helen Keller (1880). American writer and lecturer. Deaf and blind since she was 19 months old, her amazing courage and perseverance, and the devotion of her teacher, not only enabled her to learn to read and write but to graduate at college and become a famous author and speaker doing world-wide work for the blind.

June 28

Henry VIII (1491-1547). His birth united the lines of Lancaster and York and finally put an end to the quarrel which had torn England in two. During his reign the English Church became independent of the Church of Rome. He did valuable pioneer work for the Navy and for Trinity House. These things must be set against his treatment of his six wives and his other cruelties.

June 29

Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640). Flemish painter. He liked his pictures to be on a grand scale and was a most prodigious worker as many famous art galleries can show. Appointed to several diplomatic missions he visited the Court of Charles I and also painted for that monarch a set of pictures for the Banqueting House at Whitehall (now the Royal United Services Museum). They are still to be seen there.



June 30

Major-General Llewelyn Price-Davies, V.C. (1878). At Blood River in 1901, when the Boers had overwhelmed a British gunnery column, he made, in the words of the official citation, "a most gallant and desperate attempt to rescue the guns... he had ridden to what seemed to be almost certain death without a moment's hesitation."

July 1

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz (1646-1716). German philosopher, authority on law, diplomat, historian, and a mathematician who developed the calculus into a consistent system.

July 2

Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556). Martyr, Archbishop and maker of our Book of Common Prayer. Under great fear and stress he denied his real beliefs but afterwards he redeemed himself by recanting his denial and showed great courage in the face of death.

ADVENTURE BY WAYSIDE AND WOODLAND

Identifying the song-birds (2)

Why do the birds sing? Is their song just an out-pouring of happiness and high spirits, sung as we sing in our bath, or is there some more practical message behind it? When the poet Coleridge was asked this question he replied in the rhyme that begins:

*Do you ask what the birds say?
The Sparrow, the Dove,
The Linnet and Thrush say, "I
love and I love!"*

This is undoubtedly the first and very important reason for bird song. It is almost always the male bird that sings, and his song in early Spring is a love serenade to attract and win a mate. His music, however, continues long after the nest has been completed and the eggs laid, and then it acts as a claiming of territory . . . a warning to other birds that the little corner of meadow, laneside, or woodland belongs to him.

GLORIOUS CHORUSES

It is almost certain that birds also sing from pure happiness, otherwise it would be difficult to explain the glorious Spring choruses of dawn and sunset, but the more serious reasons are those of love and warning.

Among our British birds it will be noticed that those which have bright plumage seldom sing, while true songsters, like the blackbird and nightingale, are quietly coloured.

This is not just a matter of chance. Song can attract enemies as well as a mate, and the birds that developed song could not afford to go in for gay plumage as well, nor was there need to do so. Bright feathers, like song, are found generally in the male bird, and play the same important rôle, the brilliant male displaying his finery to win an admiring mate and to warn off intruders when her nursery requires his protection.

True song could be acquired

only by birds living in comparative safety; not only the safety of inconspicuous colouring but of feeding habits as well. When musicians like the blackbird and song-thrush come to ground to feed it will be noticed that they progress by hopping, for they have learned how to find most of their food in the trees. Millions of years of hopping from branch to branch has caused them to forget how to walk.

LIVING DANGEROUSLY

Birds like the crows, and game-birds such as partridge, pheasant, and grouse, have continued feeding on the ground and never forgotten how to walk, but living more dangerously they had not the same leisure to indulge in voice culture.

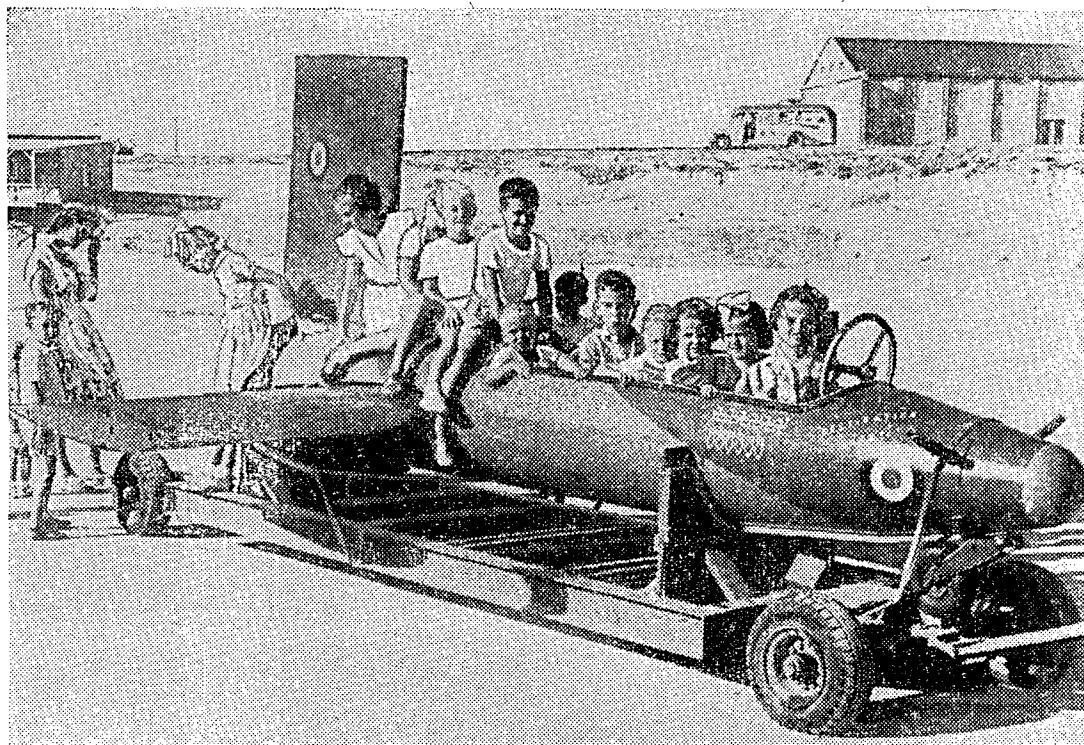
Thus our song-birds are almost entirely confined to quietly coloured tree-feeders which hop when they visit the ground; the ground-feeders that live more dangerously have retained less musical voices which may well resemble the utterances of those early ancestors of the birds who lived millions upon millions of years ago.

EVOLUTION IN SOUND

If the voices of our songsters have developed from the hoarse croaks and barks of distant ancestors can we guess at the cause of such wonderful evolution in sound? I think we can, to a certain extent, though we must remember that we are only guessing.

When we learned to speak and to sing we did so by imitating the sounds and notes we heard our parents and elders making; and as we listen to the birds we seem to receive strong hints that environment played an important part in modulating their voices, too.

Moorland birds have wild, expansive cries, as fresh and free as their windy acres of heather, rock, and hillside; the birds of our sea coasts have voices that blend with wind and waves; and our true song-birds belong to the more



All aboard the rocket ship

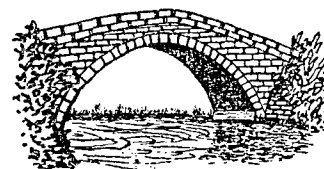
They are all wishing for a trip to the Moon in a "rocket ship" provided by the R.A.F. at a sports meeting in Cyprus.

KNOW WHAT YOU SEE

16. Pack-horse bridges

There are still a few old pack-horse bridges to be seen. Even some of the old tracks leading to them are still visible. These were stone causeways just wide enough for a single string of loaded animals to use. Up to the time of Queen Anne most goods were carried by pack-horse. Merchandise was packed in panniers hung on each side of the saddle, and 50 or more horses travelled in single file like a desert camel caravan.

Often, when two pack-horse trains met, there was a fierce



Pack-horse bridge across the Exe at Winsford, Somerset

quarrel as to which should give way, particularly when this meant stepping aside into deep mud. Sometimes the problem was settled by a fight between the drivers of each train.

Freights carried included such goods as salt, packs of wool, sacks of meal and hops, baskets of geese, poultry, eggs, fruit, vegetables, fish, and barrels of butter. The merchants who accompanied their wares were called bagmen, and sometimes even boys travelled with their baggage to and from boarding school on the backs of the patient horses.

The pack-horse bridges over the rivers are unmistakable, being narrow like the tracks leading to them. Usually there was also a low balustrade on each side, on which the animals could rest their packs when the driver had called a brief halt.

M. T.

TWO ROOFS OVER THEIR HEADS

A new storey, complete with roof, is being added to the Lansdowne Hotel, Norwich. But it is business as usual, for the old roof remains to allow guests to be accommodated. When the extensions are complete, the old roof will be taken to pieces and passed through the windows of the new upper floor.

STAMP ALBUM



**BEGIN
at the
BEGINNING**

COMORO ISLANDS
(Anjouan, Grand Comoro,
Mayotte, Moheli) a
French Colony
west of Madagascar

THE FIRST STAMPS WERE ISSUED IN 1950 AND FEWER THAN 20 DIFFERENT ONES HAVE BEEN PRINTED. GRAND COMORO ISSUED ITS OWN STAMPS IN 1897 BUT NOW USES THE GENERAL ISSUE.



**THEY
LOOK
ALIKE
BUT**



LOOK AGAIN!

THE STAMP ON THE LEFT
ILLUSTRATES THE DANISH ISSUES
OF 1905 AND 1921.

THE ONE ON THE RIGHT, ISSUED IN
1933, LACKS THE GROUPS OF LITTLE
CIRCLES AND HAS AN EXTRA RING
ROUND THE VALUE.

STAMP WITH A STORY



THE HORSESHOE-SHAPED OBJECTS
ARE "MANILLAS", USED BY THE NIGERIANS
AS CURRENCY. THEY WERE MADE OF
IRON IN SEVERAL SIZES. THE
LARGEST MEASURED 2 1/4 INCHES
ACROSS, WEIGHED ABOUT 3 OZS,
AND WAS WORTH ABOUT 3?

? PUZZLE CORNER?



This stamp (for newspaper postage) was issued by a country which is now part of Yugoslavia. But which one?
**SERBIA
MONTENEGRO
or BOSNIA?**

Answer on back page.

600 TWINS HOLD A MEETING

The world's first Twins' Organisation has been established. More than 300 pairs from eleven countries have had a meeting at Oirschot, a Dutch village which itself boasts 62 sets of twins.

The purpose of the new organisation is to enable scientists to learn more of the laws of heredity. But it was also pointed out that the affection twins generally have for each other could make their international association a force for a better understanding in the world.

The Congress had its lighter side. The oldest twins were a Dutch brother and sister aged 82, who received ham and anti-rheumatism blankets as presents. Belgian girl twins, aged 26, were chosen as the most beautiful pair, while 21-year-old Dutch brothers were regarded as the couple who were least alike, and German twins as the most musical.

The 600 at the gathering were told by Dr. Schulte of Maastricht that it is not true that twins possess less than the average capacity of mind or body.

Twins throughout the world will be interested in this promising new society.

BRIGADIER'S GARDEN RAILWAY

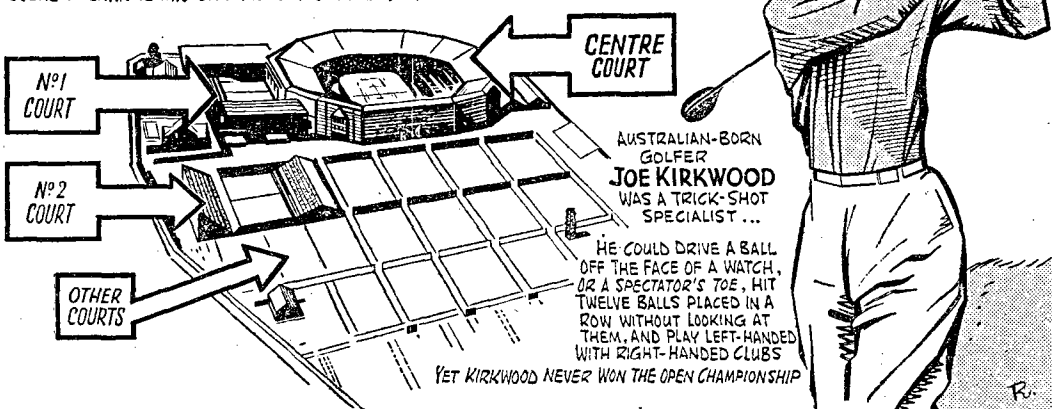
Tall, white-haired Brigadier D. J. Richards, of Cwmp Mill near Colwyn Bay, has his own model railway at the bottom of his garden. Built three years ago, it is about 18 inches from the ground and is used for testing locomotives for power and track riding.

His chief pride is a 14-inch gauge model of a six-coupled tank locomotive which he made 30 years ago. It is still in excellent running order.

Brigadier Richards is secretary of the North Wales Model Engineering Society whose members meet at Cwmp Mill every summer. New and modified engines are then given trial runs.

Sporting Flashbacks

THE CENTRE COURT AT WIMBLEDON IS NOT IN THE CENTRE AND THE SECOND COURT IS NO 1
THE NAME "CENTRE COURT" COMES DOWN FROM THE ORIGINAL WIMBLEDON ARENA, SCENE OF LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS UNTIL 1921, WHERE IT REALLY WAS IN THE CENTRE



MAN WHO STALKS BIRDS WITH A MICROPHONE

In 1889 an eight-year-old German boy boldly approached Bismarck and asked if he might record his voice on a new-fangled phonograph. The Iron Chancellor treated the request as a joke—but the lad got what he wanted.

The same boy was also the first person to make a gramophone record of a bird's song. He is Ludwig Koch and now, a famous broadcaster, he has told us his story in *Memoirs of a Birdman* (Phoenix House, 16s.).

Ludwig Koch came to Britain in 1936, an almost penniless refugee from the Nazis—who had spitefully smashed his priceless collection of records. Helped by friends here, he began all over again.

Dictators might come and Dictators might go, but Ludwig Koch had one absorbing pursuit: to stalk the birds he loved—through rain, darkness, and cold, in swamps, woods, moors, and on rocky shores—and record their voices for all the world to hear.

He has distinguished sounds that few people could have noticed before. For example, he tells us that among feathered singers of the same kind there are

good and bad performers, as among human beings.

Most of us are quite content if we can recognise the song of a particular species, but Ludwig Koch tells us that one of his blackcaps in Richmond Park "was a real prima donna. I never tire of playing this record, especially since such good performances are rather rare."

By contrast the love-song of the carrion crow—rather like a motor horn—is so comical that when he plays the record of it to schools or adults it is greeted with roars of laughter.

But the place of honour in his

British collection is the elusive bittern's booming, a sound so ghostly that it made people in the old days believe the reeds were haunted. His account of his stealthy tracking and trapping of this mysterious sound in a boat on Horsey Mere, one of the Norfolk Broads, will thrill all nature lovers.

Among his other achievements was the recording of all the sounds at the hatching of rare greenshanks in Scotland, including the actual breaking of the eggs and the first piping of the young birds.

This gentle hunter with a microphone, has collected the queer barking noise of a swan, the "talking" of a mother rabbit to her young, the chorus of natterjack toads, and the sound made by a diving gannet as, hurtling through the air, it hits the sea.

It has been good for Britain to have this great naturalist as an adopted son, and it is good to know he has been happy with us.

"No other country than Britain," he writes, "has so many watchers and lovers of birds, in fact of animals of all kinds."

WONDER OIL

A new type of lubricating oil developed in the U.S.A., is so concentrated that two drops are enough for 1100 watches containing over 18,000 jewelled bearings. The wonder oil is made in a plant only ten feet square and constructed of glass.

It produces only four gallons of the new oil in 12 months, yet this is sufficient to lubricate every watch made in the United States in one year.

The oil costs about £340 a pint.

EDINBURGH MAY HAVE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

A Children's Museum is proposed for Edinburgh.

One of the town councillors has a big collection of toys of many ages, including an immense assortment of toy soldiers.

He also claims to have copies of every juvenile paper ever published in this country, and believes he has the most complete collection in Scotland of *The Magnet* and *The Gem*, which made the portly form of Billy Bunter a national figure of fun.

So Councillor Patrick Murray is appealing for old toys such as an early diabolo, a pop-gun, a Noah's Ark, mechanical toys, a Victorian jig-saw puzzle, and an early Meccano outfit. In addition he plans to have on view such modern toys as spaceships, "super" water pistols, and chemistry sets, so that the children of next century will know what were the playthings of today.

It is proposed that the Children's Museum should be installed in Lady Stair's House, off the historic Lawnmarket.

PHANTOM LIFTMAN

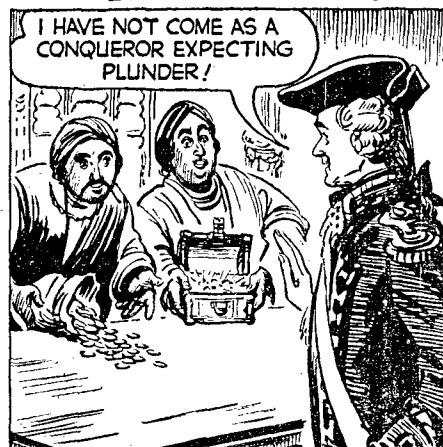
Automatic lifts in America are being equipped with a "phantom" voice that tells passengers what to do.

Its first remarks are: "This car is going up," or "This car is going down," as the case may be. But it is no mere gramophone affair working at regular intervals. If anyone should delay the lift by keeping the doors open it requests: "Release the door, please."

If someone unaccustomed to a work-it-yourself lift enters and just waits for something to happen, the voice gently advises: "Press your floor button, please." Similarly it will instruct passengers if necessary: "Pass to the back of the car, please."

The helpful disembodied voice is a magnetic tape device installed by Westinghouse.

CLIVE OF INDIA—new picture-story of the soldier who founded an empire (11)



The English drove back the cavalry attack at Plassey. In the enemy camp Suraj-ud-Dowlah sent for Mir Jaffir, who coldly advised him to withdraw his troops. Another noble gave him the same disheartening advice. Believing that he was betrayed, Suraj-ud-Dowlah fled on a fast camel, and as soon as this news spread, his vast host broke away in headlong rout. Clive had won the rich province of Bengal!

At Murshidabad, the capital, wealthy merchants offered the conqueror princely gifts, but he declined them, and went to the palace to enthroned Mir Jaffir as the new ruler. Later, Mir Jaffir resented his dependence on Clive, and secretly invited the Dutch to invade Bengal. In 1759 they landed on the Hoogli River, but British men-o-war captured their ships, and Clive's soldiers defeated the Dutch ashore.

In 1760 Clive sailed for England, having created the foundation on which grew the great city of Calcutta. In London he and his father were received by George II, and he was made Baron Clive of Plassey. He was a rich man now, but during his absence from Bengal affairs there went from bad to worse. The East India Company begged him to return to Calcutta as Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

He reached Calcutta in 1765, and found much corruption among the British officials. In dealing with this, he ordered that military officers should no longer receive double allowances. They replied by threatening to resign in a body. This amounted to mutiny, and Clive hurried to Monghyr, where the officers were most rebellious, and appealed to them not to leave Bengal at the mercy of its foes.

Clive has reached another crisis. Can he restore order in the Army? See next week's concluding instalment

THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

by Malcolm Saville

The day after their arrival in East Gill—a village in Swaledale, Paul and Sally Richardson go off to explore a deserted house called Crackpot high up on the fells. They are about to shelter from a storm in the porch, when the door suddenly opens to disclose a white-faced boy standing on the threshold.

7. George and Keith

THE shock of seeing a stranger open the door of Crackpot, which they believed to be empty, struck Paul and Sally speechless for a few seconds as the wind howled and the rain beat round them and rose in a fine spray above the stone pathway leading to the house. They gaped at each other as the unknown boy ran towards them shouting something which they could not hear.

He was a big boy with a tousled head of fair hair. For some odd reason, during these exciting moments Sally realised that he had nails in the soles of his stout shoes and that the sound of his footsteps on the stone rang out above the fury of the wind. He must have been about 16, but when he stopped and looked at them, Sally sensed that he was really scared. He wiped the rain from his face and said abruptly:

"There's been an accident. You kids by yourselves?"

The jagged hole

"Come in out of the rain. We've got to do something for George. He may be badly hurt."

They followed the stranger up the path. He pushed open the door and led the way into the hall. Sally shivered when she saw the paper hanging in damp strips from the mildewed walls. Somewhere overhead a door or window was banging monotonously as the wind howled forlornly through this grim, deserted house. The boy ran ahead down the

passage and pushed back a door which was hanging on one hinge. The big room, into which he now led them, had obviously been a kitchen. In one corner was a pile of plaster where the ceiling had collapsed, and down the right-hand wall was a long, diagonal crack. And at the far end of the room was a dark, jagged hole about four feet wide.

"You've got to be careful," he said as he stopped by the doorway. "The floor collapsed while I was messing around in here. George has fallen into a cellar, or



Paul peered down the hole while Keith held his ankles

maybe part of the old mine workings. Trouble is I haven't a torch and I can't see him. He won't answer. Neither of you are as heavy as I am and I'm scared that if I go too close the floor will collapse again. Could one of you crawl to the edge of the hole and look over. I'll hang on to your feet."

"I will," Paul said, "I'm the lightest."

The bigger boy suddenly grinned. "Good show," he said. "But be careful how you go."

Then he called out again, and in the silence that followed they heard a welcome, but faint, reply from below.

"That you, Keith?" the voice said, "where are you? The floor gave way."

"Can you hear me, George? Are you O.K.?"

"Shouldn't think so. I've got a bump on my head as big as an egg. Must have hit something on the way down. Where are you?"

"Up here, you idiot, but if I come too close I reckon the rest of the floor will go. Hang on where you are. I've found two kids and one of them is going to crawl as close as he can to see if he can spot you. We'll soon get you out of here. Hang on!"

Paul looks down

Paul was already crawling slowly on his tummy towards the ugly hole in the floor, while Sally, in the same position behind him, held his ankles. As their new friend, Keith, realised what she was doing he said: "You won't be able to hold him if more of the floor gives way. Get back and let me hang on to him. If you feel the boards moving, yell out!"

Keith smiled grimly as he lowered himself to the floor.

"Is he your brother? What's his name?"

She told him and asked: "Why did you come to this place? I hate it."

Keith explained that he and his friend George lived in Leeds and that they came camping in the dales whenever possible. He added that when they found Crackpot on the map and realised that it was built above some old mine workings, they made up their minds to explore it. Suddenly George called excitedly:

"I can see your head now, but I don't know how I'm going to get out."

Narrow escape

"We'll think of something," Paul said cheerfully, "my name's Paul Richardson."

"Half a mo," George said. "I can see some lumps of something over there. I think they're bricks. Part of the cellar wall has fallen and there's an enormous hole in the floor. I nearly fell down that one, too."

"Pull me back," Paul yelled suddenly. "Quick, the floor's going again."

Keith heaved at his ankles so violently that Paul's chin hit the floor, and to his fury he felt his eyes filling with tears. He struggled to his feet as more of the floor collapsed, and Sally dragged him back against the wall.

"What are you idiots doing up there?" George called. "Where's Paul?"

"Stay there, Paul," Keith said, and then, to his friend below: "The floor's rotten, George. We can't come nearer otherwise more will give way. We'll have to get a ladder or some rope."

"Well, hurry up and find some. I'm fed up and I've got a headache. I don't care if I never see this place again."

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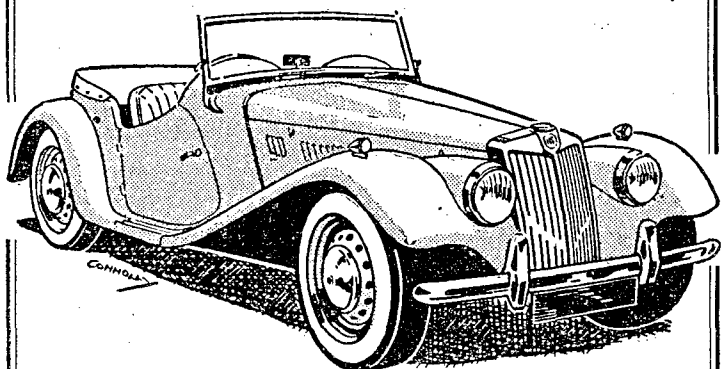
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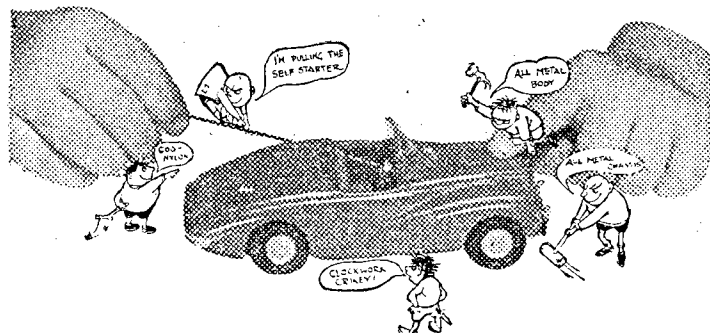
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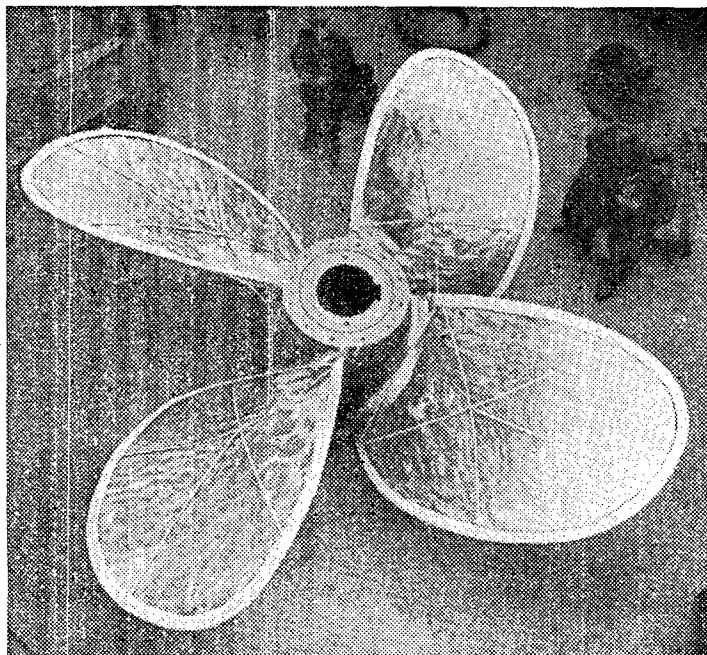
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PRESENT FROM A PRINCESS

A brooch given by Queen Victoria to her granddaughter, the Infanta Beatrice of Spain, has been sent to eleven-year-old Norman Wilcock, of Emmanuel School, Preston. (The Infanta, as Princess Beatrice, married Alfonso, Infante of Spain, in 1909.)

In connection with his history lessons in school, Norman wrote to the Infanta Beatrice of Spain on her 71st birthday, and received a reply in which the Infanta said: "I am happy to be remembered as one of the few living grandchildren of my dear grandmother, and the last remaining child of the late Duke of Edinburgh."

The brooch is of violet enamel, with the date 1897 in gold numerals, and is studded with small pearls. In enclosing it the Infanta wrote: "You may have a little girl of your own one day, and you could give it to her, which would indeed link many generations."

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More food, more fertiliser

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SALUTE TO STEAM

British Railways are holding an exhibition at Euston Station to remind us of the wonderful achievements in steam locomotive design.

Not long ago British Railways announced their £1200,000,000 conversion to diesel and electric traction and now the exhibition recalls the whole history of steam locomotives, from the wonderful day of the Rainhill Trials, when Stephenson's Rocket beat all comers at the speed of 30 m.p.h., to the day when Gresley's Mallard, in 1938, reached a speed of 126 m.p.h., a record still unbeaten.

Also on view is a mock-up of the cab of the Standard Class 8 Locomotive No. 71000, Duke of Gloucester. Visitors can board the footplate and see through the driver's window a view of the main line ahead. A driver will be there to answer questions and to explain the controls.

The exhibition is being held in the old Shareholders' room, at the top of the stairs in the Grand Hall, and will be open until October 29. Admission is 1s. for adults and sixpence for children under 14.

Competition result

Congratulations to Joan Dowson of Dorking who wins the ten-volume Children's Encyclopedia, complete in bookcase, offered as first prize in CN Competition No. 28. Book Tokens go to the following runners-up: Isabel Bruce, London, W.5; Joyce Coe, Doncaster; Felicity Davey, Redruth; William Jones, Cambridge; Barbara King, Strood; Stephen Lowe, Leeds; Nicholas Mercer, Scarborough; Patricia Moores, Birmingham; John Stevenson, Kilmarnock; and R. G. A. Venn, Coventry.

Answers: 1 Ben Nevis; 2 Margaret; 3 A kind of musket; 4 All that glitters is not gold; 5 No. A die; 6 No. Checkers is another name for draughts.

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You may one day read the name Terry Stallard among the list of Essex cricketers, for this 15-year-old printer's apprentice recently won a competition for which the prize was 12 weeks' free coaching by Vic Evans, the Essex C.C.C. coach. Terry comes from Harold Wood.

ANOTHER up-and-coming Essex cricketer is 18-year-old Barry Knight, who comes from East Ham, and won quite a good reputation with the Wanstead High School team. Barry is an all-rounder, and Trevor Bailey, the Essex and England star, has great hopes of him becoming a first-class medium pace bowler and forcing batsman.

Record attempt

ALREADY this season we have seen many athletics records broken, and this Wednesday we may well see another world's best time lowered. At Manchester's White City track the indefatigable Gordon Pirie intends to attack Vladimir Kuts's three-mile record of 13 minutes 26.4 seconds.

JOHN MITTEN, 14-year-old son of the well-known Fulham footballer, continues to add to his all-round sporting reputation. A junior English Schools' Soccer international, he has also been playing cricket for Surrey Schools. Now he has won a prize of a bat for his 78 not out for Beverley County School, Surbiton, against West Malden County School.

Happy wanderers



An early start in Salisbury for two German sisters, Ursula and Heidi Wegener, who are making a 1000-mile cycle tour of Britain.

BEFORE they left for their tour of South Africa, the British Isles Rugby team practised with balls of different weight. For South Africa has two standard balls, the weight of the ball used depending on the height of the pitch.

Second Test

ON Thursday, England and South Africa meet at Lord's in the second Test of this summer's series. Of the seven previous matches at Lord's, England has won four and South Africa one. Strangely enough, the last two Tests at Lord's (1947 and 1951) ended in ten-wicket victories for England.

TOM RICHARDS, the Welsh international long-distance runner, has covered thousands of miles on the road, including many Marathons, but one of his most sensational races took place recently in the Isle of Man. Over a 37½-mile course, which included much of the T.T. circuit and the climb of Snaefell Mountain, Tom Richards won in four hours 13 minutes, which was 26 minutes ahead of the second man to finish.

Landy runs again

JOHN LANDY, the Australian holder of the world one-mile record, may return to the running track: in spite of his recent decision to retire. With the Melbourne Olympics in view, Landy, who is a schoolteacher, has resumed training. If he competes in the 1956 Olympics he would be running on his "home" track, for he comes from Melbourne.

THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

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Sally offered to stay and talk to George while Keith and Paul searched the house for a rope or ladder, but although she did her best to cheer the trapped boy she was not feeling particularly happy herself. This place frightened her. She learnt from George, however, that the camp by the river belonged to the two boys and that they were staying in Swaledale for a fortnight.

Having once been a farm, Crackpot had a barn at the back of the house and it was here that Paul found an old ladder.

Rescued

More of the floor gave way when George was eventually helped out. He was bigger than Keith and very dark with thick black eyebrows, and like his friend he was wearing a sweater and shorts. His knee was grazed and there was a big bruise on his forehead.

The rain had stopped when they got outside and Keith suggested that they all go back to their camp together.

When they reached it they got a primus stove going under the kettle. George and Keith were experienced campers and the Richardsons admired the way they set to work.

They talked about the hills and the mines as they drank tea from large mugs, and when finally Sally emptied the dregs on to the grass, she said politely that she thought they ought to be going.

"Thank you very much for the tea," she added. "I hope you'll come and see us at the vicarage. And we hope your head will soon feel better, George . . ."

"Thanks very much for your help," said Keith.

Sally, now standing up and ready to go, kicked her brother gently to remind him of his manners. He got up reluctantly. What he wanted to say was that he hoped they would ask him to go exploring with them one day. But they did not. They were just nice and friendly and said: "Cheerio. We'll be seeing you."

They made their way back to East Gill on the other side of the river so that they passed close to the Swinnergill. As they did so another storm swept down the valley and they had to shelter beneath an arch of a half-ruined bridge over the beck.

Lots to tell

"We'll have lots to tell Liz, won't we, Sally?" Paul said excitedly. "I bet she'll envy us."

"Maybe she won't," Sally said surprisingly.

"What do you mean?" asked Paul.

"We don't know what she's found out about Ginger Whiskers, do we? After all, he is really the big mystery. I only hope that she's all right," and she shot a quick glance at Paul who saw at once that she was serious.

To be continued

Susan's STORK LETTER

Hello there,

Letters are just pouring in from all of you, asking all sorts of cookery questions! It's nice to know that so many of you take such an interest in cooking. I've included a recipe this month that was specially asked for by one of you, and there is also an article on ballet, in which so many of you seem to be interested.

Here's a scrumptious snack!



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all the mixture is used up. Melt the 1 oz. of Stork Margarine for cooking. Heat a frying pan or girdle, and pour on enough melted Stork to coat the surface. Place three or four of the cakes a little apart on the pan, and cook for 6-7 minutes until nicely browned underneath. Then turn and cook the other side. Keep hot until all are cooked, adding melted Stork to the pan as required. Serve hot spread with Stork.

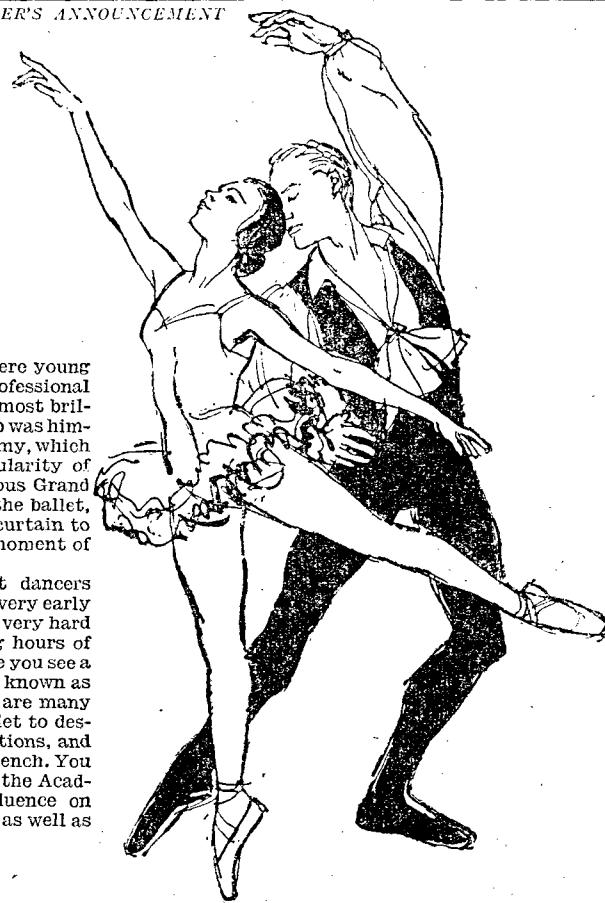
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WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

FRANCES: Noble maiden
 EILEEN: Sweet, patient
 HILARY: Cheerful, jolly
 IRENE: Serene, peaceful

That's all for this month. Do keep writing to me on any cookery problems or for any special recipes you would like.

Yours, *Susan Croft*

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THE BRAN TUB

MUMMY'S TURN

JOHNNY was being complimented by uncle. "You certainly know how to look after your little sister," said uncle.

"Yes," agreed Johnny, "but I start school soon and then Mummy will have to learn."

BOOK QUIZ

Who wrote the "William" books?

Who wrote the Sherlock Holmes stories?

"A Tale of Two Cities" was written by Charles Dickens or Sir Walter Scott?

Who writes the "Five" Books?

Who wrote Little Women?

Answer in column 5

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BEDTIME TALE

The Green Car

BOBBIE was playing in the garden one day when Aunt Eleanor came by in her little green car.

"Like to come for a ride?" she called out.

"Oh, yes please," Bobbie answered. And with a wave to Mummy he jumped in, and off they went, the little boy in front with the driver and Chou-chou, the peke, snoozing happily behind.

When they reached the village Aunt Eleanor picked up her shopping basket and got out, leaving Bobbie and Chou-chou to mind the car.

She was gone some time, and Bobbie grew tired of waiting, till suddenly he caught sight of a window, farther along the line of shops, full of toys, clockwork engines, aeroplanes, and above them all a model helicopter.

Bobbie jumped out and, with Chou-chou at his heels, ran across to have a closer view.

When presently he turned away,



and there was still no sign of his aunt, he thought he would hide and give her a surprise. So he got into the smart little car standing at the edge of the pavement, and with Chou-chou in his arms, squeezed down under a rug and waited.

Almost at once someone sprang into the driving-seat, started the engine, and drove off very fast.

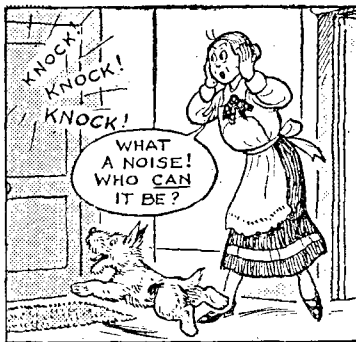
It was all so unlike Aunt Eleanor that Bobbie popped his head up, and saw—a strange young man!

At Bobbie's "Oh!" he turned round.

"Great Scot!" he exclaimed, "a stowaway!" And then, seeing how astonished the little boy looked, he added: "Seems to me, young feller, you've boarded the wrong ship—mistook my car for the one behind, didn't you?"

Which, of course, was exactly what had happened; and seeing how much alike the two cars were when they stood side by side it was not surprising.

JACKO KNOCKS HIMSELF OFF HIS PERCH



WHAT A DANCE
THERE was an old man of Penzance

Who lived to do nothing but dance,

Till his socks wore in holes
And his feet burned like coals—
That stupid old man of Penzance.

THE CATCH

"How many have you caught?" asked one angler.

"When I've caught another I'll have caught one."

WHO WERE THEY?

The Tinker of Bedford

The Lion Heart

The Iron Duke

Richard Crookback

Answer in column 5

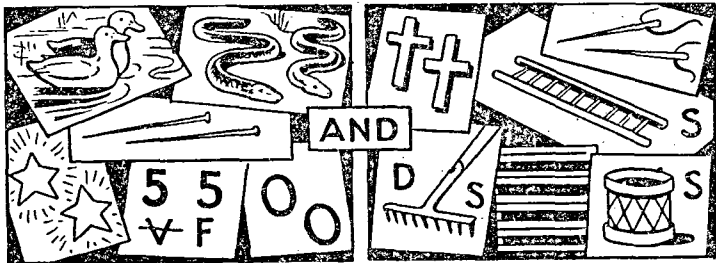
LIFE'S LESSON

OVER and over again,
No matter which way we turn,
We always find in the book of life
Some lessons we have to learn.

FIND THE PHRASE

Pair off these pictures correctly and you have six well-known phrases. What are they?

Answer in column 5



SO FUNNY

GROWN-UP people are so funny,
Perhaps it's how they are made;

Grandma doesn't care for honey,
Jam, or marmalade!

Grandpa isn't fond of playing
Games that I enjoy,

So I think it best I'm staying
Just a little boy!

MYSTERY NAMES

CAN you add a Christian name to each of the groups of letters so that the words, when completed, have the following meanings?

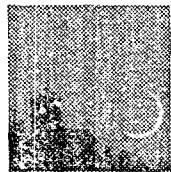
Proverb, Indian axe, fleeting, fabulous creature, conquering, part of France.

... GE
... AHAWK
... NESCENT
... ISK
... IOUS
... DY

Answer in column 5

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars is low in the west, Jupiter is in the south-west, and Saturn is in the south. In the morning Venus is low in the east. The picture shows the Moon as it will



appear at 10 o'clock on Wednesday evening, June 22.

WELL BOWLED, SIR!

CAN you make another word out of each of the following words by re-arranging the letters? If you do it correctly, the first letters of the new words will spell the name of a Test cricketer.

PAST, WHAT, CHAR, RIOT, LATH, BEAD, REAM.

Answer below

LEARNING THE HARD WAY

SAMMY saw a fine fat peach.

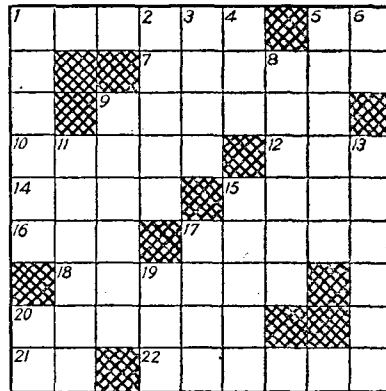
Hanging rosy, out of reach:
Sammy fetched a prop—ah, me!
Sam's in bed without his tea!

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS: 1 Throughout. 5 District Attorney. 7 One's brother's or sister's daughters. 9 Ingenious. 10 Couples. 12 Mischievous child. 14 Rim. 15 Beverage. 16 Boy. 17 Pop. 18 Meal. 20 Complete. 21 Manuscript. 22 Finishing.

READING DOWN: 1 Arranges in folds. 2 Accustom. 3 Pen-points. 4 Obtain. 5 Believed. 6 Because. 8 Customer. 9 Private seal. 11 Adds beauty to. 13 Looking. 15 Established. 17 Repair hole in sock. 19 Dish. 20 Printer's measure.

Answer next week



A QUESTION OF TIME

A RURAL railway porter had a watch of which he was proud. It never lost a second, he declared.

Early one morning he was seen standing, watch in hand, peering anxiously towards the east.

"What is the matter?" he was asked.

"Well," he said, "if the sun is not over that hill in two minutes it'll be late."

STAMP ALBUM ANSWER

Bosnia

ANSWER TO WORD QUIZ

1 a, 2 b, 3 a, 4 a, 5 c

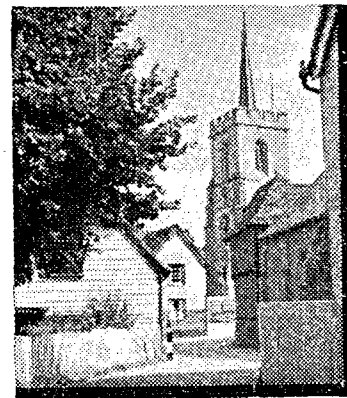
BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Book Quiz. Richmal Crompton, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Charles Dickens, Enid Blyton, Louisa Alcott
Find the phrase. Ducks and drakes, snakes and ladders, pins and needles, Stars and Stripes, fives and drums, noughts and crosses
Who were they? John Bunyan, Richard I, Duke of Wellington, Richard III
Mystery names. Adage, tomahawk, evanescent, basilisk, victorious, Normandy
Well bowled, sir! Spat, thaw, arch, trio, halt, abed, mare—Statham



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